

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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JULY 1, 2003

**FROM:**       **MARK H. UFFER**, Director  
                  Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

**SUBJECT:   PHYSICIAN SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) Terminate Agreement No. 02-1002 with John F. Randolph, MD, Inc., effective July 1, 2003.
- 2) Approve Agreement with Alvin Chang, MD, Inc., for the provision of Geriatric Medicine at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, in an approximate amount of \$385,500.
- 3) Terminate Agreement No. 02-997 with Inland Medical Rehabilitation, Inc., effective July 1, 2003.
- 4) Approve Agreement with Inland Medical Rehabilitation, Inc., effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, in an approximate amount of \$62,500, which moves the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine under the Chairmanship of the Department of Orthopedic Medicine.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** On April 1, 2003, John F. Randolph, MD, Inc., presented its 90-day notice of intent to terminate Agreement No. 02-1002 with Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, effective July 1, 2003. As a result of this notice, the Medical Center is requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve an agreement with Alvin Chang, MD, Inc. to provide Geriatric Medicine services at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

In preparation for the termination of Agreement No. 02-1002 with John F. Randolph, MD, Inc., the Hospital's Director and Medical Director have reviewed the physician service agreements currently in effect at ARMC. As a result of this review, it was determined that it would be most appropriate to move the smaller medical departments, Department of Rehabilitation and Department of Geriatrics, under the Chairmen of the larger medicine departments.

Terminating Agreement No. 02-997 with Inland Medical Rehabilitation, Inc. and approving a new agreement with Inland Medical Rehabilitation, Inc. is necessary to move the Department of Rehabilitation under the Chairman of the Department of Orthopedics. This reorganization will allow the Director of the Section of Rehabilitation Medicine the opportunity to devote more time to patient care to manage volume increases by shifting administrative duties to the Department of Orthopedics, which is prepared to absorb the increased workload at no additional cost. In addition, the reorganization will allow for an improved continuity of care for patients recovering from orthopedic injuries who also require rehabilitative services.

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Approval of an agreement with Alvin Chang, MD, Inc. is necessary for the Medical Center to continue to provide specialized care to its geriatric patients, which was previously provided by John F. Randolph, MD, Inc. In addition, the Department of Geriatric Services will now be under the Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine. This reorganization will allow the Director of the Section of Geriatric Medicine to devote the additional time to patient care required to manage increased patient volume instead of performing administrative duties. The Department of Family Medicine is prepared to absorb the Geriatric Services administrative duties at no additional cost. In addition, many patients who would benefit from the specialized care of Geriatric services are first treated by a Family Medicine physician and then referred to the Geriatric physician. Moving the Section of Geriatrics under the Department of Family Medicine will allow for an improved continuity of care for these patients

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed by Dev GnanaDev, MD, Medical Director, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, on June 18, 2003, County Counsel (Charles J. Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) on June 19, 2003, and HSS Administration (Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst) on June 19, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Approval of these actions will result in no local cost to the County for these services. The current agreement with John F. Randolph, MD, Inc. is for an approximate amount of \$385,500 per annum. The new agreement with Alvin Chang, MD, Inc. is also for an approximate amount of \$385,500 per annum. The new agreement eliminates the administrative duties required under the previous agreement allowing the Geriatric Section Director to devote the additional time to patient care required to manage the increased patient volume. These administrative duties can be absorbed by the Department of Family Medicine at no additional cost.

Agreement No. 02-997 with Inland Medical Rehabilitation, Inc. is for an approximate amount of \$62,500 per annum. Approving a new agreement with Inland Medical Rehabilitation, Inc. will not result in any local costs to the Medical Center for rehabilitation services. The Medical Center has funded the increased volume in rehabilitation patient care services by transferring the administrative duties previously performed under this agreement to the Department of Orthopedics thus allowing the Director of the Rehabilitation Section to devote more time to patient care.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval because this action will provide for the continuity of care of the Medical Center's patients and will not result in any local cost to the County.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** All

**PRESENTER:** Dev GnanaDev, MD, Medical Director, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, 580-6150

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